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11. (C) Poloff delivered reftel points to Drahomir Stos at MFA's Territorial Department for Asia and Oceania on May 2. Stos said Slovakia didn't plan to release a statement before the Burmese Constitutional referendum, but actively supported the April 29 GAERC conclusions on Burma. Citing Slovakia's bid for a UN HRC seat -- and pushing back against Stos' argument that a Slovak national statement would have little impact -- Poloff urged the MFA to reconsider. Stos said Slovakia may make a unilateral statement after the referendum, depending on the results and the play the situation receives in local and international media. OBSITNIK